

### REMARKS

In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner restricted the Application into three species; namely, Species I relating to Figure 1, Species II relating to Figure 4, and Species III relating to Figure 6. The Examiner states that the Applicants are required under 35 U.S.C. § 1.121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. According to the Examiner, no claims are generic.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.146, Applicants elect, without prejudice, Species 1 (Figures 1-3) for prosecution on the merits. Applicants assert that claims 1-4 are readable upon the elected species.

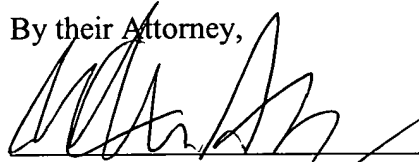
If the Examiner would like to discuss the application or its examination in any way, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

Respectfully submitted,

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